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Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Councillors at Chidambaram passed at their special meetings held

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2,000—28-10-97.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 190 M

DATED 25-1-98

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DESPATCHED

[Despatch Abstract.]

House tax. Requesting the Collector of South Arcot to nominate a special officer for three months to revise the — registers of the Chidambaram Municipality & requesting the council to state whether this special officer may not be employed for a further period of three or four months for the work connected with the removal of encroachments in the town.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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of Chidambaram passed at their special meetings held

Removal of encroachments & the revision [illegible]
[illegible] — Chidambaram Municipality

[L. & M. / 300—2-12-97.]

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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2. The municipal council i requested to state whether the

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Local & Municipal
Department

Fort St. George
22nd January 1898

My dear Wynch,

The Government has decided to appoint under section 37(2) of the District Municipalities Act, a Deputy Tahsildar on Rs 120, for a period of three months to carry out the revision of the house tax registers in the municipality of Chidambaram. Orders to this effect will issue in due course; but to save time, will you please let me know the name the officer whom you

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Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their special meetings held

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Removal of encroachments & the revision of house registers — Chidambaram Municipality

[L. & M. / 300—2-12-97.]

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ommended by the Head Assistant
Collector.

3. The attention of the municipal
ouncil is drawn to the Head Assistant
Collector's remarks in his endorsement
n the fourth letter read above, in
which the Government fully concurs.

(From orders)

P.R.
21/1/98

H.T.
22.1.98.

Note Please see current Nos 4395. M of 1897 and 205. M of 1898 since received. In the former the Chairman reports that the Council has since discovered its mistake as to the propriety of adopting the revised assessments of house tax in the current year, while ~~he~~ with the second he forwards a resolution of the Council appointing three councillors to revise the house tax registers with the 1st February 1898. These councillors have, it is said, consented to do the work in consideration of the extra expenditure which will be incurred by the deputation of a special Government officer for the purpose. The Head Assistant Collector however rightly points out that the pay of the independent officer would probably be made good by the increase in the revenue.

To
The Chairman M C Chidambaram ✓
.. Collector of South Arcot ✓

Desp. 27/1/98

Chidambaram passed at their special meetings held

moval of encroachments
and revision of House-tax registers
Chidambaram.

Again G.O. No 1325. M. dated 2nd June 1897
C.Nos 3813 and 3999 M of 97.

H.M.

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For Orders.

In para.3 of the Government Order read above, the Collector of South Arcot was requested to direct the Head Assistant Collector to take in hand the question of removing the encroachments in the town of Chidambaram, to inspect in person each Koradu or other encroachment on the public street, make out a list of all those which are objectionable and should be removed, and to instruct the Chairman to have them removed. The Chairman was at the same time called upon to submit a quarterly report showing the action taken by the municipal council in the matter.

2. In his letter to the Chairman dated 8th August 1897, the Head Assistant Collector stated, that in order to enable him to prepare a list of the encroachments, he had applied for certain survey records, which he considers are necessary for the exact determination of how much of certain buildings constitute encroachments, that these had not been received, but that there were many obvious cases of encroachments which might be dealt with at once, and accordingly brought to the Chairman's notice some cases of encroachments which he had inspected, together with his recommendation regarding each of them.

Vide his letter enclosed in C.No. 3813. M

3. The first of the letters [illegible] above

showing the action taken by the municipal council towards the removal of Koradus and other encroachments during the quarter ending 30th September 1897. He states that the tatties in front of the shops in the West Sannadhi street were removed, that certain other encroachments, regarding which notices were issued to the owners of the houses to remove them, have been removed and that the ~~cases~~ other encroachments noticed by the Head Assistant Collector will be removed in the quarter ending 31st December 1897. In forwarding the Chairman's report, the Head Assistant Collector observes that the Council has done something, if not much, towards removing encroachments, that in order to remove all of them, each has to be considered separately and some enquiry held, to show what evidence is forthcoming as to the date of the encroachment &c, that this work, if taken up by him, would occupy his whole time for three or four months, that it must be done by a specially deputed officer and that, all he can do, is to point out and to enquire if necessary into the merits of some of the worst cases.

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The Collector (Mr. Castle-Stuart) concurs in the Hd. Asst. Collector's remarks regarding the appointment of a special officer for dealing with the encroachments.

Vide para 3. of his Endorsement

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4. In his second letter, the Chairman submits the special report on the revision of the tax registers, called for in para. 4 of G.O. No. 1525 M, dated 2nd June 1897. He states that both the house and arts tax registers have been revised, that the revision of the house tax registers has

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Vide C.O. 3999. M.

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The incidence per head is now only A. 5. 11 p.

has resulted in an increase of only Rs. over the settled demand for 1896-97, that the revision has not been satisfactorily done, that the revised assessments will be adopted in the current year, but that to secure uniformity, the registers will be thoroughly revised in the next financial year. In the case of the arts tax, however the revision has caused a decline of about one-third in the demand, which is attributed to the recent revision of the schedule appended to the Municipal Act. The Chairman suggests that an official not below the grade of a Deputy Tahsildar may be appointed to carry out the revision of the registers, and states that the cost of such an officer will be more than compensated by the increase in revenue which he will be able to effect by the revision. The Head Assistant Collector and the Collector support this proposal. The Collector also points out that the revision should be completed in time for the revised registers to come into force from 1st April 1898.

5. With reference to the Council's proposal to adopt the revised assessments of house tax in the current year, its attention may be drawn to the Collector's remarks in para. 2 of his endorsement on the second letter read above. As to the appointment of a special officer to carry out the revision of the house tax registers, it is observed that on the receipt of G.O. No. 1525 M, dated 2nd June 1897, the Council resolved that the registers for each of the four

× namely, that revision cannot have effect till the next year.

But please see C.O. 205/98 in wh. the chairman reports that the Municl Council has since discovered its mistake - It seems therefore to be unnecessary to draw the Council's attention to the Collector's remarks as revised by two of the Councillors in charge of the respective divisions. The revised assessment lists were submitted by these Councillors before the 15th August 1897, but at its meeting of the 9" October 1897, the Council deputed the Chairman to further revise them. The Government Order in question having been despatched on the 15th June 1897, the period of three months fixed therein, expired by the 15th September 1897 at the latest, and as the Council had not satisfactorily performed the duty of revising the registers within that period, it is submitted that under section 57(2) of the District Municipalities Act, as amended by Act III of 1897, a Deputy Tahsildar on Rs.120 may be deputed for a period of three months, to do the work. The Municipal Council may also be requested to state whether the same officer may not be employed for a further period of three or four months for the work connected with the removal of encroachments. It has ample funds to meet the cost of such an officer, the closing balance of 1896-97 being Rs.9,615 .

H.T.

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V.R.
5/1/98

H.T.
15.1.98

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17/1/98

The Colr. will have to nominate a Dy Tahr.
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Extract from [illegible] passed at their special meetings held
of Chidambaram [illegible] September 1897.

Local & Municipal
~~Judicial~~ (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3813 M

From
The Collector of
South Arcot

Order

DESPATCHED
2- NOV. 97

No. 999.

Dated 2nd November 1897
Received 4th "
Registered 4. 11-97
Enclosures 3
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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks letter of the Chairman of the Municipal Council Chidambaram reporting the action taken towards the removal of encroachments on the public streets of the town of Chidambaram for the quarter ending
[illegible]

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
fo	1325	Mis	2-6-97

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Councillors
at Chidambaram passed at their special meetings held
[illegible]ber 1897.

From,

S. W. G. J. MacIver Esquire
Ag Head Assistant Collector
South Arcot.

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram.

Camp. Chidambaram.

Dated } 8th
Despatched } August 1897.

Reference on no. Cir. 171 / Collr. 97

Enclosure nil

No. 873 / 97-98.

Sir,

In G. O. No. 1325 M. Mis. dated 2-6-97, I am directed to prepare a list of all encroachments in Chidambaram which should be removed. For this purpose I have applied for certain ~~summary~~ survey records which have not yet been received. These will be necessary for the exact determination of how much of certain buildings constitute encroachments but there are many obvious instances of encroachments which may be dealt with at once. I note the following which I have inspected. In the street leading from Pachappa's school to the Railway Station. House no. 77 for this a license no. 18 is said to have been granted and the license allows the building of a Koradu 101 sq. ft, there is an actual encroachment of 21 ft 10 inches by eleven feet four inches.

The encroachment should be removed back

Same remark applies to the other houses (Nos. 78-79) between this house and a side street.

Door no. 42 a covered in pial; the thallies should be removed.

Doors 90-91-92; the structures over the pial should be removed.

Doors 97-98. Owners say they have licenses. The licenses should not be renewed and the encroachment should be removed.

The house of Sivaloka Mudali; there is an obvious encroachment which should be removed, if possible and the long stone steps outside should be removed immediately.

Houses 101, 102, 112, 6, 114, 2. In all these cases there are obvious encroachments which should be removed.

For some of these encroachments licenses appear from their list sent in your no. 169/28-6-97 to have been granted.

The list is however not complete. In the South Car Street one of the most flagrant instances of encroachment is at door no. 36, where one Seshayya having a license apparently for a Koradu has built a masonry house extending nine feet six inches beyond the wall of an adjacent house. This may not be the full extent of the encroachment but the building should be ordered to be pulled down to that extent at once.

Houses 30, 31, 32 have been extended into the street; house no. 32 should be drawn back nine feet four inches

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and the adjoining houses brought into line.

Between these houses and the Choultry at the corner of the street there are many large Koradu which may, I think, remain so that they do not extend beyond the wall of the Choultry (which is itself an encroachment) but no superstructure of any kind should be allowed over the Koradus and pavements. They should only be tolerated as open pavements accessible to the public in case of necessity. If they are closed in they will gradually become part of the houses and further encroachments will be made. There are thatty structures and pandals opposite to houses 39, 40, 41, 44, 46 which should be entirely removed. On the other side of the street opposite to the Choultry a new Choultry is being built and the front wall is a distinct encroachment; if it be considered advisable not to interfere with this wall the new construction of masonry steps outside the wall should be stopped immediately.

In the West Sunnadhi Street the thatty structures attached to houses one to six should be removed at once. The masonry parts of these buildings encroach largely on the street, but I would not recommend the removal of anything more than the thallies and pandals.

The front parts of these buildings constructed entirely on Municipal property are let at a very high rate as shops and this profit should go to the Municipality.

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I would therefore recommend the removal of or grant of licenses for the encroachments covered by masonry structures in the street on payment of an annual fee of say one rupee for ten square feet.

In Bara Moodaly Street which is very narrow, Lakshmana Pathan has been granted license to extend the wall of his house and has exceeded the limits given him by about double. The license should be withdrawn and every inch of the building beyond the main wall removed.

The existence of this encroachment and similar cases where the extent ordered by license has been greatly exceeded shows extraordinary carelessness on the part of the Municipal servant, whoever he may be, whose duty it is to measure up structures for which license has been granted. In fact, if any subordinate has pretended to have measured the licensed areas it is obvious that he cannot have acted honestly.

The permanent Chairman spoke to me about a proposed survey of the Town by the Survey Depart

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-ment and I request you will be so good as to let me know whether there is any prospect of the Survey being carried out in the near future.

9/8/97

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) S. W. G. J. MacDuet
Ag Head Assistant Collector

(True copy)

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman.

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Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their special meeting held [illegible] September 1897.

Enclosure. 2

No. 280

Municipal Office
Chidambaram
20th October 1897.

From,

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram.

3813 M

To,

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
(Through the Head Assistant Collector
and Collector of South Arcot).

Sir,

With reference to para 3. of G. O. No. 1325 M. Mis. dated 2nd June 1897, directing me to submit through the Collector a quarterly report showing the action that is being taken towards the removal of all 'Koradus' and other encroachments on the public streets of this town which are considered by the Head Assistant Collector of the Division to be objectionable, I have the honour to submit herewith copies of the Head Assistant Collector's letter No. 171 dated 8th August 1897 and of the Council's resolutions Nos. $\frac{2}{21-8-97}$ and $\frac{1}{10-9-97}$ and to state that the 'Thatties' in front of the shops in the West Sunnadhi Street referred to in the first of the above resolutions have been removed. The notices given in accordance with the second resolution were issued on 23rd September and in some of the cases the encroachments are removed. Cases of non-compliance with the notice will be duly dealt with on the expiry of the one month's time allowed for the removal of the encroachments. I hope to be able to have the needful done in the current quarter with regard to the rest of the cases mentioned in the Head Assistant Collector's letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their special meeting held on Friday the 10th September 1897.

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1 Collector's Ref. on Cur. no. 171

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their meeting held on Saturday the 21st August 1897.

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II. Read Head Assistant Collector's letter no. 171 dated 8 Instant, regarding the removal of certain encroachments in this town and the Delegate Chairman's minute in connection therewith.

Consideration of letter no. 171 is adjourned for the purpose of placing all the papers connected with it with the Chairman's memo explaining the facts of each case separately.

Resolved that resolution no. 1 dated 3rd June 1891 regarding bazaars nos. 1 to 6 in the West Sunnadhi Street be cancelled and that notice be issued to the owner as well as to the occupiers that the 'thatties' should be removed within a week.

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(Signed) M. C. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman-Delegate.

(True Extract)

M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their special meeting held on Friday the 10th September 1897.

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1. Read Head Assistant Collector's Ref. on Cur. no. 171/97 dated 8th August 1897, regarding the removal of certain encroachments in the Town and the Chairman's memo in connection therewith.

1. House no. 77. Chengalneer Pilliar Coil street. This is old no. 76. Order on petition no. 845 of 91-92 showed that permission was given for the renewal of the old Koradu by the then Chairman in anticipation of the council's sanction which never appears to have been obtained. The Chairman is requested to enquire and report to the council as to the age of its occupation by the owner of the house. License no. 18 does not refer to this but to house no. 78 (old no. 77). Further resolved that steps be taken under the Land Acquisition Act, if necessary, to remove the Koradu and widen the Street which is very necessary.

2. House no. 78 (old no. 77) Land being Municipal ground, license no. 18 dated 18th March 1892 already granted is revoked and notice will be given to remove the encroachment within one month on pain of prosecution.

3. House no. 79 (old no. 78). Order on petition no. 1354/96-97 granting permission for the pandal is cancelled. Notice will be given to the owner to remove the pandal and the mud pavement within a month on pain of prosecution.

4. House no. 42. Resolved that the order on petition no. 598/96-97 permitting the

months.

pandal be cancelled and notice be given to remove the same within one month on pain of prosecution. As to the pavement, the Council resolves that it be removed after taking steps under the Land Acquisition Act if necessary. The Chairman is requested to report as to the age of occupation in the manner referred to in the resolution as regards no. 1

5. Houses nos. 90, 91 & 92. The mud pavements will be removed. Orders on petitions ( ) granting permission for pandals in these cases will be cancelled and notices be given to remove the mud pavements and the pandals within a month on pain of prosecution.

6. House no. 97. The stone placed over the side channel in front of this house, which is unauthorized, should be removed in a week. Order on petition no. $\frac{1653}{95-96}$ granting permission for the pandal is cancelled. Notice will be given to remove the pandals within one month on pain of prosecution. As regards Koradu and steps, steps will be taken to remove them under the Land Acquisition Act, if necessary, and the Chairman will be requested to report the age of their occupation in the manner referred to in the resolution as regards no. 1

7. House no. 98. Order on petition nos $\frac{986}{95-96}$ and $\frac{422}{97-98}$ granting permission for the pandal is cancelled and notice will be given to remove the pandal and the unauthorized mud pavement within a month on pain of prosecution.

8. House no. 22. License no. 7 dated 15th July 1889 granting permission for a new Koradu on Municipal ground is hereby cancelled. Notice will be given to remove this Koradu and the unauthorized step in front of it within a month on pain of prosecution. Order on petition ( ) granting permission for a pandal is hereby cancelled and notice will be given to remove the same within one month on pain of prosecution.

9. Houses nos. 101, 102, 112 and 114: Orders on petitions nos $\frac{619}{96-97}$, $\frac{1156}{96-97}$, $\frac{331}{97-98}$ & $\frac{186}{97-98}$ granting permission for the pandals in front of these houses, are hereby cancelled. Notice will be given to remove them as well as the unauthorized mud pavements within one month on pain of prosecution.

10. Houses nos 2 and 6. These encroachments are objectionable and should be removed after taking steps under the Land Acquisition Act if necessary. The Chairman will be requested to report as to the age of their occupation in the manner referred to in the resolution as regards case no.

months.

11. The last para of the Chairman's minute brings to notice that there are several unauthorized mud-pavements and pandals and permanent pavements in Chengalvaroy Pilliar Coil Street. The Chairman is requested to place before the Council a complete list of such encroachments and pandals with a detailed statement regarding each. The other encroachments referred to in the letter will be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

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(Signed) M. C. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman - Delegate.

(True Extract)

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

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From.

The Chairman
Municipal Council,
Chidambaram.

2070/Cur 97

To.

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Departments,
Fort St. George.

(Through the Head Assistant Collector and
Collector of South Arcot)

Dated 20th } October 1897.
Despatched
Received.

Enclosure. 2
No. 280

Report showing the action that is being taken towards the removal of all Koradus and other encroachments on the public streets of the town of Chidambaram for the quarter ending with 30th September 1897.

The 60 cases contained in the file herewith enclosed

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No. 1709/Dis 897 (Encls 4 in 2 files)

Submitted

2 The Council has done something, if not much, towards removing encroachments

3 The Paimash accounts of Chidambaram are in Maratti and ~~it~~ ~~would be~~ their translation would be expensive; the field measurement books ~~do~~ of 1886 do not give measurements

Birhwada and survey measurement books of 1856 have not yet been obtained.

4 In order to remove all the encroachments each case has to be considered separately and some enquiry held to show what evidence is forthcoming as to the date of encroachment etc

Such a work if taken up by me would occupy ~~my~~ my whole time for three or four months. ~~and~~

5 If it is to be done at all it must therefore be done by the municipality or by a specially deputed officer

All that it is possible for me to do is to point out and enquire into the merits, if necessary, of some of the worst cases

Ag. H. A. Cclr
28.10.97

DESPATCHED
30 OCT. 1897

Forwarded.

2. Bichuvada accounts of 1856 referred to are not available here. Application was made to the Superintendent of Survey for the measurement books of 1856 but they have not yet been received from him. The matter appears to be under correspondence between him and the Board of Revenue.

3. I agree with the Head Asst. Collector in his remarks in para 5 of his endorsement. The Town Survey department can do something in the way of facilitating this work.

Collector
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RK
2-xi-97.

Local & Municipal

~~Public Works~~ (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3999 M

Order

DESPATCHED
18 NOV. 97

From The Collector of South Arcot.

No. 1037/Eng cur of 97

Dated 18th November 1897.

Received 19-11-97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks the Chidambaram Municipal Chairman's letter regarding the revision of Tax Registers of the Municipality.

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Total	2863	8	-	1961	8	-	902	-	-

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
G.O.	2085	L	23-9-97
"	1325	L	2-6-97

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Chidambaram Municipal
Office
6th November 1897

No. 310

3999 M

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Local and Municipal Department.
(Through the Head Assistant Collector and
Collector of South Arcot)

Sir,

With reference to para 4 of G. O. No. 1325 M. Mis. dated 2nd June 1897 I have the honour to report that at a meeting of the Council held on 3rd May 1897 it was resolved that the Profession tax register be revised by the Chairman & and that the House tax register of each of the four Divisions of the town be revised by two of the Councillors in charge of the respective divisions as below:-

No. of Division	Names of Councillors.
I	1. M. R. Ry. C. N. Srinivasa aiyar avergal, 2nd Grade Pleader. 2 " Vrishabhadhwaga Deetchadar avergal
II	1. M. R. Ry. M. Sambaswami aiyar avergal B.A. Sub Registrar. 2. " K. Varahachariyar avergal 2nd Grade Pleader.
III	1. M. R. Ry. Ponnambala Pillai avergal. 2 Hazarath Laulkhan Sahib avergal. Pensioned Subhadar Major.
IV	1 M. R. Ry. V. Swaminatha Jatavallabhar avl. B.A. Head Master, Patchayappa's High School 2 " Kandaswami Mudaliar avergal

Total	2863	8	-	1961	8	-	902	-	-

2. On 14th July. I sent a reminder to the Councillors requesting them to expedite the completion of the revision of the House tax registers, whereupon, M.R. V. Swaminatha Jatavallabhar avergal, a Councillor of the fourth division, reported on 15th July that his state of health did not allow of his assessing the House tax of his Division and requested me to have the work done by the other Councillors of the Division. On his report being laid before the Council on 21st July 1897, M. R. Ry. Kandaswami Mudaliar the other Councillor deputed for doing the work jointly with M. R. Ry. Swaminatha Jatavallabhar avergal, undertook to revise the register of the fourth Division completely.

3. The revised registers were received in this office on the dates given below:

I	Division		on 21st July 1897.
II	Do.	Part I	on 18th August 1897.
	Do	Part II	on 30th June 1897.
	Do	Part III	on 14th August 1897.
III	Do		on 26th July 1897.
IV	Do		on 14th August 1897.

The latest date on which the revision was completed was the 18th August 1897. On this date, a notice was issued for publication in the District tte under the provisions of Sec. 69 of the Act to the effect that revision petitions would be considered from and after the 20th September 1897.

4. I fell ill by the end of June last and was consequently obliged to delegate my powers to one of the Councillors on 19th July 1897. On my resuming charge on the 1st of October, I perused the revised House tax registers and found that the revision made was not quite satisfactory. On my expressing this to the Council at a meeting held on 9th October 1897 I was requested to further revise the registers.

5. I received on 12th October a reminder No. 1042 A.R / 8-10-1897 from Government to submit my report re the revision of the tax registers.

6. G. O. No. 2085 M. dated 23rd September 1897 reviewing the Administration Report of this Municipality for 1896-97 was laid before the Council at a meeting held on 27th October 1897. I drew the Council's attention to the concluding portion of para 3(1) of the G. O. and to the reminder referred to in para 5 supra and expressed that the period of 3 months fixed by Government had elapsed, that the task of further revision in addition to my current business would cause more delay and that the levy of taxes

put up

Total	2863	8	-	1961	8	-	902	-	-

has not yet been commenced though seven months of the financial year had expired. The Council thereupon passed the following resolution:—

"The Council on perusing the House tax registers revised by the Division Councillors, thinks that the revision is not as satisfactory as it could be, but, under the present circumstances, resolves to adopt the assessment as now revised for the current year as it is too late to have it further revised by the Chairman, the notice of the completion of assessment under Sec. 69 of the Act having already been published on the 18th August last. However, the Council will have the registers revised next year by a single hand in order that the buildings of the whole town may be assessed on a fixed uniform principle."

7. The result of the revision of the House tax register is given in the subjoined statement:

No. of Division	Settled demand for 1896-97			Demand as per revised register for 1897-98			Increase in consequence of a general enhancement in the rate of taxation by raising from [illegible] to 5 p.c. on the annual rental value			Increase due to revision of assessment			Total		
I	1764	9	2	2001	10	-	117	9	7	120	-	-	237	9	7
II	1845	1	5	2181	4	9	123	-	-	213	-	-	336	-	-
III	1906	2	10	2095	3	1	127	1	1	62	-	-	189	1	1
IV	1347	9	10	1458	2	-	89	12	10	21	-	-	110	12	10
Total	6863	7	3	7736	3	10	457	7		415	-	-	872	7	-

8. I am personally of opinion that House tax in this town can fairly be further increased and in this, it will be seen from the above resolution that the Council agrees with me, but I regret t inconvenience which stands in the way of accomplishing the object in the current year.

9. My attention was chiefly directed in May last to the realization of the outstanding arrears o taxes and to the disposal of heavy office work; in June, I had to prepare the Administration Repor and make the necessary sanitary arrangement for the Anithirumanjanam festival. As stated above, I fell ill in the latter part of June and as my health grew worse I had to delegate my powers to Councillor M. R. Ry. M. C. Rama Swam aiyar avergal a 2nd Grade Pleader by whom the Profession tax registers were revised. The result of the revision is given below. The current year's assessment is about two thirds of that of last year and the decrease is, I think, mainly attributable to the revision of the Schedule.

No. of Division	Settled demand for 1896-97.			Demand as per revised register for 1897-98			Decrease		
I	304	-	-	83	-	-	221	-	-
II	971	8	-	477	-	-	494	8	-
III	918	8	-	874	-	-	44	8	-
IV	669	8	-	527	8	-	142	-	-
Total	2863	8	-	1961	8	-	902	-	-

10. With reference to the resolution of the Council that it will have the registers revised next year by a Single hand in order that the buildings of the whole town may be assessed on a fixed uniform principle I respectfully beg to submit that in my humble opinion the effectual means to achieve the object under existing circumstances will be to appoint a special officer holding a Government appointment not below the rank of a Dy. Tahsildar for a period of 3 months in order to effect a proper development of revenue from these sources; and the expenditure upon his pay will, I expect, be more than compensated by the increase of revenue which may result by his carrying out the revision independently and on just and reasonable principles.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M Ramaswami

Chairman.

1037

TREASURY DEPUTY COLLECTOR,
10 NOV.1897

From,

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram.

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Local & Municipal Department
(Through the H. A. Assistant
Collector & Collector of South Arcot)

HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
3 NOV. 1897
SOUTH ARCOT

Dated
Despatched
Received } November 1897.

No. 310
Enclosure. nil

Subject.

Submitting a report on the
revision of tax registers of
this Municipality.

3159
Cur 97

Submitted.
The proposal made
in the last paragraph
may be approved

DESPATCHED
9 NOV.97

References put up

Submitted to Govt.

2. The M. Council appear to have overlooked the provisions of s. 66 (3) according to which the revision of the house tax cannot have effect till the beginning of the next financial year –

3. The recommendation made by the Chairman & supported by the Head Asst Coll. that a Dy Tahr. should be ~~appo~~ deputed for a period of 3 months to revise the register again in order to secure uniformity if accepted by Govt, could be adopted and the work be done in time for the revised register to come into force from 1st April 1898.

L.M.

NOTE FOR THE Secretary

C.O. 43951/97

This may be read and disposed of with Current number 3999 m/97, now with the Secretary.

~~[illegible]~~ Better bring the file back from the Secy's table & make the necessary addition to the note. 14/1/98

97) Department.

CURRENT No. 4395M

From The Collector of South Arcot

No. 1145 of 97
Emcur

Dated 19th December 1897

Received

Registered DESPATCHED 20 DEC. 97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting in continuation of No 1037/Emg of 10 November 1897 letter from the Chairman Municipal Council Chidambaram stating that the adoption of the revised assessment for the current year would be illegal under section 66, subsection 3 of the amended act & stating that it was resolved to adopt the last years' assessment at the enhanced rate 9 8 p.c for the current year

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Municipal Office
Chidambaram, 6th December 1897

No. 349.

4395 M

From,

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Local and Municipal Department
Fort St. George

(Through the Head Assistant Collector and Collector
of South Arcot)

Sir,

Cuo 3999 L/97

In continuation of my letter No. 310 dated 6th November 1897, I have the honour to state that when I had an interview with the Collector of the District on the 1st instant he pointed out to me that the resolution of the Council to adopt the revised assessment for the current year would be illegal as under Sub Section 3 to Section 66 of the Amended Act such general revision shall have effect only from the beginning of the next financial year. I regret that this provision of the law was overlooked at the time when the resolution in question was passed, and I brought the matter to the notice of the Council at a meeting held on the 4th instant whereupon the following resolution was passed:

"In modification of the Council's resolution No. 3 dated 27th October 1897 the Council now resolves to adopt the last year's assessment at the enhanced rate of 8 per cent for the current financial year as at the time

of

of passing the above resolution the provision of Sub-Section 3 to Section 66 was overlooked."

I shall accordingly arrange to proceed with the collection of House-tax for the current year adopting the annual value of the previous year ~~but~~ but calculating the tax at the rate of 8 per cent as sanctioned in G. O. No. 1520 M. Mis. dated 3rd July 1897.

In the matter of the general revision of assessment books to be adopted for the next year the orders of Government will be awaited on the concluding para of my letter No. 310 quoted above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M Ramaswami Iyer

Chairman.

1897

1145/Eq Cur of 97

From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Departments
Fort St. George
(Through the Head Assistant Collector and Collector of South Arcot)

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
13
SOUTH ARCOT

22 DEC. 1897

Dated 6th
Despatched do } December 1897
Received

Enclosure No. 349.

3375/Cur 97

Submitted
By H. A. Collr
8.12.97

DESPATCHED 12 DEC. 97

M. W. 17 DEC 97

1145/Eq Cur 97

Submitted to Government in the L & M department in continuation of No. 1037/Eq. dated 10-November 1897

Ag. Collector
19.12.97.

Subject

Submitting that the resolution of the Council dated 27th October 1897 to adopt the revised assessment for the current year would be illegal under Sec 66 Sub Section 3 of the amended Act and communicating the Council's resolution of the 1st ~~December~~ to adopt the last year's assessment at the enhanced rate of 8 p.c. for the current financial year.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 205

Order

From The Collector of South Arcot

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15 JAN. 98

No. 1/98

17. JAN. 1898

Dated January 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting, in continuation of Nos. 1037/18-11-97 and 1145/19-12-97, Chidambaram Municipal Chairman's letter conveying the resolution of the Council regarding the revision of assessment books in modification of the Resolution No. 3 of 27-10-97.

BACK PAPERS.

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Cuo	3999	M/9/97	

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Municipal Office
Chidambaram, 1st January 1898

No. 401

205 M

From,

M. R. Ry.
M. Ramaswami Iyer avargal
Chairman, Municipal Council
Chidambaram

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort St. George.
(Through the Head Assistant Collector and Collector of South Arcot)

Sir,

In continuation of my letter no. 310 dated 6th November last I have the honour to report that at a meeting held on 24th December 1897 three of the Councillors having expressed their willingness to do jointly the work of revising the assessment books (Building and Professional taxes) the Council has passed the following resolution:-

"With reference to the concluding para of the Chairman's letter no. 310 dated 6th November 1897 and in modification of the Council's resolution no. 3 of 27th October 1897 the council hereby resolves that the revision of the assessment books (Professional and Building taxes) be carried out jointly by Messrs. V. Swaminatha Jatavallabhar avargal, K. Varadachariar avargal and Subbaraya Mudaliar avargal who have kindly consented to undertake the task, in consideration of the extra expenditure which will be incurred by the deputation of a Special Government officer for the purpose. The abovenamed gentlemen are requested to have the work finished by the 15th February 1898."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

BMS

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1037
18-11-97

From,

M. R. Ry.
M. Ramaswami Ayyar avargal
Chairman, Municipal Council
Chidambaram

HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE SOUTH ARCOT
5 - JAN 1898

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Local and Municipal Dept.
(Through the Head Assistant Collector and Collector of South Arcot)

Dated 1st }
Despatched } January 1898
Received }

No. 401

Enclosure nil

Subject
Communicating the resolution of the council regarding the revision of assessment books in modification of the resolution No 3 of 27th October 1897.

Cur. 4398/97

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
8 JA 98
SOUTH ARCOT

62/98
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Submitted.
The pay of an independent officer appointed to revise the registers would probably soon be made good from the increase of revenue

Ag. H. A. Colr
5.1.98

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No 16
Enquiry 3/98

L. M. W.
16 JAN 98

Submitted to Government in the L & M department in continuation of No 1037/18-11-97 and 1145/19-12-97

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Ag. Collector
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